Sundays in Lent



Sung Eucharist 9:30 Contemporary Rite

Please Note: At this liturgy, no collection is taken up. Members of the congregation are asked to go to the Gifts Table in the centre of the Nave and place their offering on the plate there.

PENITENTIAL RITE

All stand. The Celebrant greets the community.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The people are invited to confession in these words.

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our willfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The people kneel: silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will,

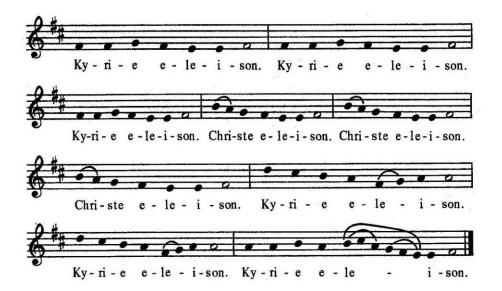
and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

People: Amen.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant offers the appropriate prayer.

All respond, saying: Amen.

THE READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please see separate leaflet.

HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED

The Celebrant invites the people to join in the recitation of the creed.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All:

We believe in God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS: THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

All stand, and the Celebrant addresses the people.

Celebrant: Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The members of the community, ministers, and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY

The gifts of the people are brought to the Altar: all join in singing the Offertory Hymn. (For Hymn number please see leaflet.)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS R/. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,

creator of heaven and earth,

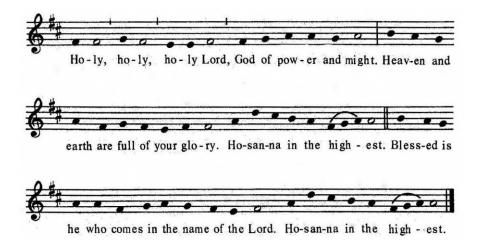
because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts

and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.

Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise

to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People:

we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

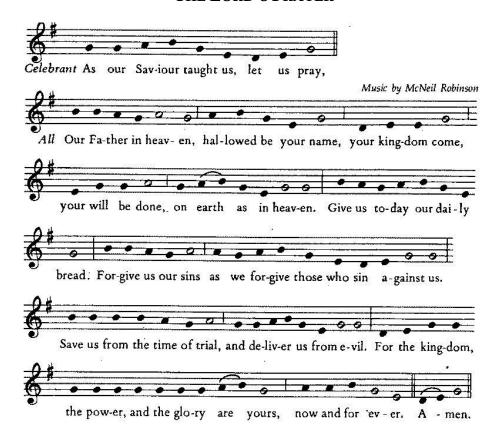
Celebrant:

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant: We break this bread

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;

if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say

the word and I shall be healed.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant __ us peace.

Holy Communion is then distributed; a motet may be sung.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

(For Hymn number, please see leaflet.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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BLESSING

Celebrant: God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life

in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God

almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be

among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.